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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks herein.

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 20-24, 46-63, 65-72 and 74-98 are pending.

Claims 1, 20-24, 46-63, 65-71, 78-82, 91, 92 and 96 stand allowed.

Claims 72, 74-77, 83-85, 89, 90, 93-95, 97 and 98 stand rejected.

Obviousness-Type Double-Patenting

Claims 72, 74-77 and 97 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 33-39 of U.S. Patent No. 6,720,459 B2.

Claims 83-85, 89, 90, 93-95, 97 and 98 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1, 10, 11, 33, 34 and 39 of U.S. Appln. No. 09/738,688 (US 2002/0007043 A1).

Applicants previously filed terminal disclaimers against U.S. Patent No. 6,720,459 B2 and U.S. Appln. No. 09/738,688, so these rejections should be moot. Enclosed are copies of the terminal disclaimers, and fee sheet and cover sheet filed with them (entitled "Submission of Terminal Disclaimers"), along with a copy of the facsimile return receipt document from the Patent Office showing these documents were received on December 1, 2004. Since terminal disclaimers were filed, no comments on the merits of these rejections are presented.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the present amendments and the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the remaining claims are patentable and in condition for allowance. Accordingly, prompt favorable action is earnestly requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any additional charges to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

Respectfully submitted,

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